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1990 STATISTICS

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1990 Bar Examination Statistics

Introduction

On the following pages are tables showing the number of persons taking and passing bar examinations in 1990, the number from ABA-Approved law schools, the number of first-timers and repeaters, and the number of persons admitted by examination and on motion for the last four years. Data for the tables appearing on pages 15 through 23 were provided by the reporting jurisdictions. All percent passing figures used in these statistics are rounded to the nearest whole percent. In reviewing data on the number of applicants taking examinations, the reader should keep in mind that a person may seek admission in more than one jurisdiction in a given year. Data are not available on the actual number of individuals admitted to practice in 1990.

Data for the Multistate Bar Examination and Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination statistics were provided by ACT.

Persons Taking and Passing the 1990 Bar Examination

Jurisdiction	*Number Taking February*	*Number Passing February*	*Percent Passing February*	*Number Taking July*	*Number Passing July*	*Percent Passing July*	*Total Taking*	*Total Passing*	*Total Percent Passing*
Alabama	174	99	57	370	260	70	544	359	66
Alaska	74	45	61	106	71	67	180	116	64
Arizona	340	175	52	589	331	56	929	506	55
Arkansas	101	87	86	155	141	90	256	228	89
California	3,847	1,767	46	6,990	4,057	58	10,837	5824	54
Attorney Exam	247	169	68	190	119	63	437	288	66
Colorado	239	145	61	552	448	81	791	593	75
Connecticut	527	320	61	1,489	1,081	73	2,016	1,401	69
Delaware	*No February Examination*			181	132	73	181	132	73
District of Columbia	168	74	44	178	98	55	346	172	50
Florida	1,087	837	77	2,045	1,457	71	3,132	2,294	73
Georgia	897	636	71	651	389	60	1,548	1,025	66
Guam	22	15	68	16	6	38	38	21	54
Hawaii	113	82	73	215	169	79	328	251	77
Idaho	73	63	86	106	84	79	179	147	90
Illinois	972	778	80	2,272	1,875	83	3,244	2,653	82
Indiana	220	199	90	325	291	90	545	490	90
Iowa	80	56	70	211	156	74	291	212	73
(exam given in January and June in Iowa)									
Kansas	210	188	90	259	209	81	469	397	84
Kentucky	108	87	81	307	252	83	415	339	82
Louisiana	298	194	65	677	401	59	975	595	61
Maine	110	75	68	204	178	87	314	253	80
Maryland	502	298	59	1,126	806	72	1,628	1,104	68
Attorney Exam	130	116	89	117	105	90	247	221	89
Massachusetts	646	419	65	1,953	1,517	78	2,599	1,936	74
Michigan	527	349	66	920	692	75	1,447	1,041	72
Minnesota	237	177	75	646	536	83	883	713	81
Mississippi	102	67	66	200	162	81	302	229	76
Attorney Exam	4	4	100	2	1	50	6	5	83
Missouri	257	224	87	715	612	86	972	836	86
Montana	19	6	68	94	83	88	113	89	79
Nebraska	38	27	71	168	147	88	206	174	84
Nevada	*No February Examination*			337	254	75	337	254	75
New Hampshire	140	95	68	180	125	69	320	220	69
New Jersey	1,254	781	62	3,450	2,226	65	4,704	3,007	64
New Mexico	111	93	84	213	179	84	324	272	84
New York	2,389	1,254	48	7,285	5,099	70	9,874	6,353	64
North Carolina	234	152	65	551	412	75	785	564	72
North Dakota	12	9	75	51	37	73	63	46	73

Persons Taking and Passing the 1990 Bar Examination

Jurisdiction	*Number Taking February*	*Number Passing February*	*Percent Passing February*	*Number Taking July*	*Number Passing July*	*Percent Passing July*	*Total Taking*	*Total Passing*	*Total Percent Passing*
Northern Mariana Islands	7	5	71	6	6	100	13	11	85
Ohio	393	255	65	1,209	790	65	1,602	1,045	65
Oklahoma	132	110	83	386	353	91	518	463	89
Oregon	239	161	67	452	317	70	691	478	69
Pennsylvania	991	662	67	2,794	2,244	80	3,785	2,906	77
Puerto Rico	311	116	37	365	144	40	676	260	39
(exam given in March and September in Puerto Rico)									
Rhode Island	101	76	75	162	146	90	263	222	84
S. Carolina	105	82	78	269	236	82	374	318	85
South Dakota	20	19	95	50	36	72	70	55	79
Tennessee	178	113	64	435	321	74	613	434	71
Texas	1,115	810	73	2,204	1,831	83	3,319	2,641	80
Utah	76	50	66	189	163	86	265	213	80
Vermont	56	33	59	95	66	69	151	99	66
Virgin Islands									
Virginia	345	224	65	1,045	768	74	1,390	992	71
Washington	591	406	69	854	613	72	1,445	1,019	71
West Virginia	67	41	61	174	130	75	241	171	71
Wisconsin	45	36	80	196	162	83	241	198	82
Wyoming	26	17	65	40	28	70	66	45	68
TOTAL	21,507	13,378	62	47,021	33,552	71	68,528	46,930	69

Persons from ABA-Approved and Non-Approved Law Schools[1]

Jurisdiction	*Total Taking From ABA-Approved Law School*	*Total Taking From Non-ABA-Approved Law School*
Alabama	397	147
Alaska	180	0
Arizona	925	4
Arkansas	256	N/A
California[2]	6,437	4,349
Colorado	784	7
Connecticut	2,016	N/A
Delaware	181	0
District of Columbia	299	47
Florida	3,127	5
Georgia	1,259	289
Guam	34	4
Hawaii		
Idaho	147	0
Illinois	3,244	0
Indiana	538	7
Iowa	291	0
Kansas	468	1
Kentucky	415	0
Louisiana	959	16
Maine	313	
Maryland	1,622	
Massachusetts	2,563	36
Michigan	1,447	N/A
Minnesota	883	0
Mississippi	302	0
Missouri	971	1
Montana	113	0
Nebraska	206	0
Nevada	333	4
New Hampshire	320	0
New Jersey	4,704	0
New Mexico	324	0
New York		
N. Carolina	785	0
North Dakota	63	0
Northern Mariana Islands	13	0
Ohio	1,602	N/A
Oklahoma	518	0
Oregon	678	13
Pennsylvania	3,783	2
Puerto Rico	676	3
Rhode Island	263	0
South Carolina	374	N/A
South Dakota	70	0
Tennessee	609	4
Texas	3,268	51
Utah	265	0
Vermont[3]	132	2
Virgin Islands		
Virginia	1,346	44
Washington	1,445	0
West Virginia	237	4
Wisconsin	241	0
Wyoming	66	0
TOTAL	52,416	5,047

[1]As reported by the jurisdictions. These numbers may or may not be the same as the total taking the 1990 bar examination on pages 14 and 15.

[2]California had 23 by law office study and 28 not classifiable. The Non-ABA-Approved total includes California accredited, unaccredited, correspondence law schools and those not alocated to a particular school because no exam was taken within one year of graduation.

[3]Vermont also had 9 by law office study.

First-Timers and Repeaters in 1990

Jurisdiction	*1990 Administration*	*Total Taking*	*First Timers Taking*	*First Timers Percent Passing*	*Repeaters Taking*	*Repeaters Percent Passing*
Alabama	February	174	91	76	83	36
	July	370	322	75	48	38
Alaska	February	74	44	68	30	50
	July	106	77	78	29	38
Arizona	February	340	167	56	173	47
	July	589	463	61	126	39
Arkansas	February	101	84	83	17	17
	July	155	141	94	14	6
California	February	3,847	1,294	63	2,553	37
	Attorney Exam	247				
	July	6,990	4,964	73	2,026	20
	Attorney Exam	190				
Colorado	February	239	150	71	89	38
	July	552	479	87	73	41
Connecticut	February	527	314	71	213	46
	July	1,489	1,368	77	121	25
Delaware	*No February Examination*					
	July	181				
District of Columbia	February	168	67	67	101	21
	July	178	115	77	63	16
Florida	February	1,087	832	85	255	50
	July	2,045	1,870	76	175	23
Georgia	February	897	691	85	206	23
	July	651	384	85	217	29
Guam	February	22	20	75	2	0
	July	16	8	50	8	24
Hawaii	February	113				
	July	215				
Idaho	February	73	52	92	11	46
	July	106	101	83	5	0
Illinois	February	972	634	88	338	65
	July	2,272	2,113	86	159	36
Indiana	February	220	187	95	33	67
	July	325	312	98	13	38
Iowa	January	80	53	77	27	56
	June	211	187	76	24	54
Kansas	February	210	180	89	30	66
	July	259	246	83	13	23
Kentucky	February	108	78	72	30	63
	July	307	291	95	16	44

First-Timers and Repeaters in 1990

Jurisdiction	*1990 Administration*	*Total Taking*	*First Timers Taking*	*First Timers Percent Passing*	*Repeaters Taking*	*Repeaters Percent Passing*
Louisiana	February	298	87	54	211	70
	July	677	582	60	95	52
Maine	February	110	88	N/A	22 *(applied)*	N/A
	July	204	186	N/A	18	N/A
Maryland	February	502	254	69	248	50
	Attorney Exam	130	115	92	15	67
	July	1,126	955	79	171	33
	Attorney Exam	117	104	96	13	69
Massachusetts	February	646	350	77	296	41
	July	1,953	1,758	82	195	34
Michigan	February	527	299	76	228	53
	July	920	766	83	154	37
Minnesota	February	237	164	85	73	52
	July	646	596	87	50	36
Mississippi	February	102	64	72	38	55
	Attorney Exam	4				
	July	200	179	85	21	48
	Attorney Exam	2				
Missouri	February	257	186	82	71	69
	July	715	680	88	35	46
Montana	February	19	15	80	4	25
	July	94	88	89	6	33
Nebraska	February	38	16	69	22	73
	July	168	161	89	7	57
Nevada	*No February Examination*					
	July	337	304	77	33	61
New Hampshire	February	140	76	72	64	63
	July	180	142	77	38	39
New Jersey	February	1,254	624	72	630	52
	July	3,450	3,093	67	357	43
New Mexico	February	111	89	91	22	55
	July	213	197	89	17	24
New York	February	2,589	896	63	1,693	41
	July	7,285	5,957	78	1,328	33
North Carolina	February	234	94	79	58	51
	July	551	393	80	19	33
North Dakota	February	12	9	78	3	67
	July	51	47	72	4	75
Northern Mariana Islands	February	7	7	71	0	N/A
	July	6	5	100	1	100

First-Timers and Repeaters in 1990

Jurisdiction	*1990 Administration*	*Total Taking*	*First Timers Taking*	*First Timers Percent Passing*	*Repeaters Taking*	*Repeaters Percent Passing*
Ohio	February	393	253	80	140	38
	July	1,209	1,086	71	123	18
Oklahoma	February	132	101	90	34	56
	July	386	364	93	22	69
Oregon	February	239	162	77	77	47
	July	452	396	73	56	27
Pennsylvania	February	991	607	81	384	42
	July	2,794	2,492	86	302	30
Puerto Rico	March	311	96	38	215	62
	September	365	265	50	100	16
Rhode Island	February	101	71	92	30	40
	July	162	149	91	13	69
South Carolina	February	105	63	87	42	62
	July	269	249	84	20	94
South Dakota	February	20	14	100	6	83
	July	50	48	72	2	0
Tennessee	February	178	75	80	103	52
	July	435	363	82	72	31
Texas	February	1,115	663	78	452	65
	July	2,204	1,900	87	304	56
Utah	February	76	46	70	30	60
	July	189	167	78	22	50
Vermont	February	56	31	81	25	32
	July	95	74	78	21	48
Virgin Islands	February					
	July					
Virginia	February	345	213	71	132	48
	July	1,045	938	78	107	36
Washington	February	591				
	July	854				
West Virginia	February	67	37	60	30	63
	July	174	154	80	20	35
Wisconsin	February	45	34	88	11	55
	July	196	183	85	13	46
Wyoming	February	26	11	72	15	60
	July	40	36	69	4	75
	TOTAL	68,528	49,346		16,508	

Admission to Bar by States - 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990

State	Admission by Examination				Admission on Motion			
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1987	1988	1989	1990
Alabama	361	357	398	389	—	2	—	—
Alaska	106	94	86	116	8	10	8	12
Arizona[1]	639	634	530	506	—	—	—	—
Arkansas	212	195	245	228	—	—	—	—
California	6021	6144	6581	6112	—	—	—	—
Colorado	623	600	N/A	587	245	322	378	404
Connecticut	1213	1343	1521	1401	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Delaware	118	139	131	132	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	188	227	320	169	1359	3619	4284	2953
Florida	2413	2480	2362	2447	—	—	—	—
Georgia	740	1016	1087	654	—	—	—	—
Guam	12	13	21	21	0	14	1	2
Hawaii	N/A	N/A	227	184	—	—	1	0
Idaho	91	138	166	147	—	—	—	—
Illinois	2532	3102	3214	2653	54	49	71	148
Indiana[2]	471	523	508	501	51	61	72	74
Iowa	225	226	218	212	15	17	22	17
Kansas	318	401	400	397	27	19	3	5
Kentucky	416	334	353	N/A	20	23	45	40
Louisiana	646	715	588	595	—	—	—	—
Maine	276	253	252	217	—	—	—	—
Maryland	1781	1135	1033	1088	—	—	—	—
Attorney Exam	245	116	178	202	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	N/A	2018	N/A	1936	125	150	163	N/A
Michigan	1083	1045	953	1041	69	105	129	122
Minnesota	754	721	711	711	67	125	134	129
Mississippi	223	228	200	229	3	6	4	5
Missouri	757	834	919	836	72	40	0	177
Montana	120	95	89	89	—	—	10	12
Nebraska	181	165	188	169	53	63	67	59
Nevada	199	195	217	254	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	209	223	212	223	—	—	—	—
New Jersey[3]	3615	2732	2833	2877	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	221	257	280	272	—	—	—	—
New York	5606	5757	5784	5723	372	532	492	415
North Carolina[4]	568	572	581	564	41	75	63	46
North Dakota	71	59	55	45	6	11	5	12
Northern Mariana Islands	13	10	15	13	0	0	16	17

[1] Recommended for admission.
[2] All successful examinees are not admitted at the time of their passage of the bar examination - See A & D Rule 13 VIII permitting examination prior to graduation.
[3] 1987 includes over 1,000 attorneys admitted from prior years such as 1985 and 1986.
[4] These figures do not include any applicants who took the exam but whose results are sealed pending a final determination by the Board as to their character and fitness.

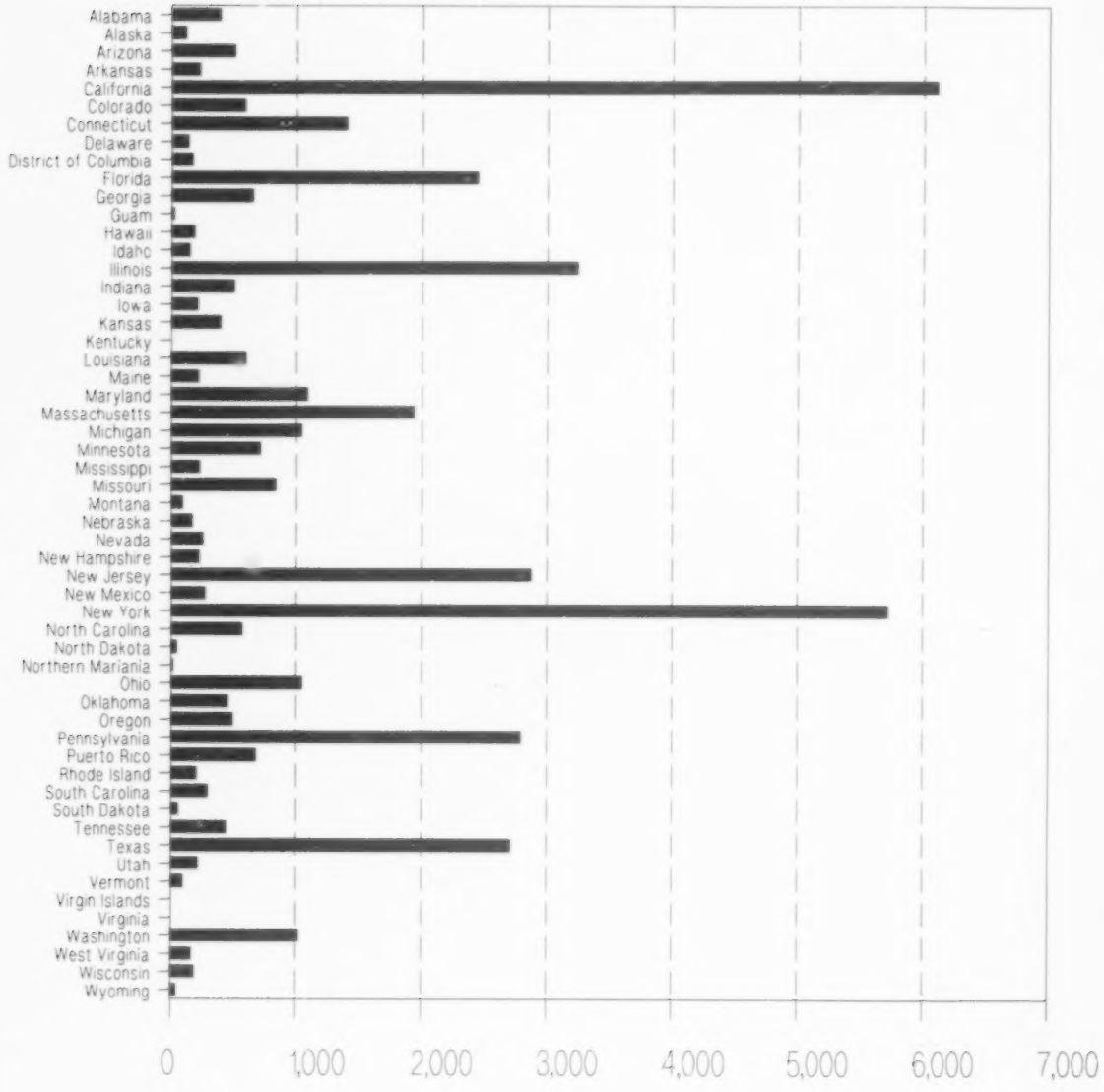
Admission to Bar by States - 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990

State	Admission by Examination				Admission on Motion			
	1987	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*	*1987*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
Ohio	1367	1295	1509	1045	40	39	68	102
Oklahoma	475	465	432	456	12	13	21	16
Oregon	428	382	452	493	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania[5]	2775	2874	2669	2794	—	—	—	—
Puerto Rico	675	734	707	676	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island[6]	218	121	152	200	19	9	18	24
South Carolina[7]	311	319	333	294	—	—	—	3
South Dakota	72	53	65	55	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	457	507	472	440	72	72	70	60
Texas[8]	2410	2280	2401	2711	160	166	156	189
Utah	191	169	184	213	—	—	—	—
Vermont	83	77	100	93	32	23	42	35
Virgin Islands								
Virginia	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	91	116	164	215
Washington	876	859	843	1019	—	—	—	—
West Virginia	82	81	134	165	20	26	25	29
Wisconsin	156	141	176	190	154	123	205	87
Wyoming	54	52	70	45	3	2	3	9
TOTAL	43,481	45,171	43,802	45,420	3,190	5,832	6,740	5,418

State	Admission by Diploma			
	1987	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
West Virginia	105	93	N/A	N/A
Wisconsin	448	436	439	416
TOTAL	553	529	439	416

[5] Admissions are not broken down by examination and motion. The records are kept on a June-July basis; this is how the numbers have been reported.
[6] 1987 was last year for attorney on motion; now attorney admission must take a one day exam (essay).
[7] In 1990, 10 received Limited Certificate to Practice.
[8] Admission by Short Form: 1987 - 50; 1988 - 50; 1989 - 69; 1990 - 86.

Admission to the Bar by States - 1990



Figures include only those admitted by examination, not motion.

MULTISTATE BAR EXAMINATION STATISTICS

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has administered the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE) since 1972. The MBE is currently used in 50 jurisdictions.

The MBE is a 200-item multiple-choice examination covering six topics. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each applicant. Raw scores on different forms of the test are not comparable due to differences in the difficulty of test forms. Scaled scores are produced by a statistical procedure called equating that involves repeating items from previous examinations. A comparison of the performance of the current applicant population on the repeated items to performance of the prior applicant group allows conclusions to be drawn about the relative difficulty of the new items on the exam, and test scores are adjusted accordingly. Scaled scores are comparable across administrations of the examination.

Jurisdictions Using the Multistate Bar Examination

MBE Summary Statistics

February 1990—13,545 Applicants

	Constitutional Law	*Contracts*	*Criminal Law*	*Evidence*	*Real Property*	*Torts*	*Total Raw*	*Total Scaled*
Mean	19.3	23.1	17.8	18.7	16.7	24.2	120.9	135.9
Standard Deviation	3.8	4.3	3.3	3.5	3.4	4.3	17.1	15.3
Maximum	30.0	37.0	29.0	30.0	29.0	39.0	185.0	193.0
Minimum	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	8.0	45.0	68.0
Median	19.8	23.5	18.4	19.2	17.3	25.9	121.0	136.0

July 1990—39,750 Applicants

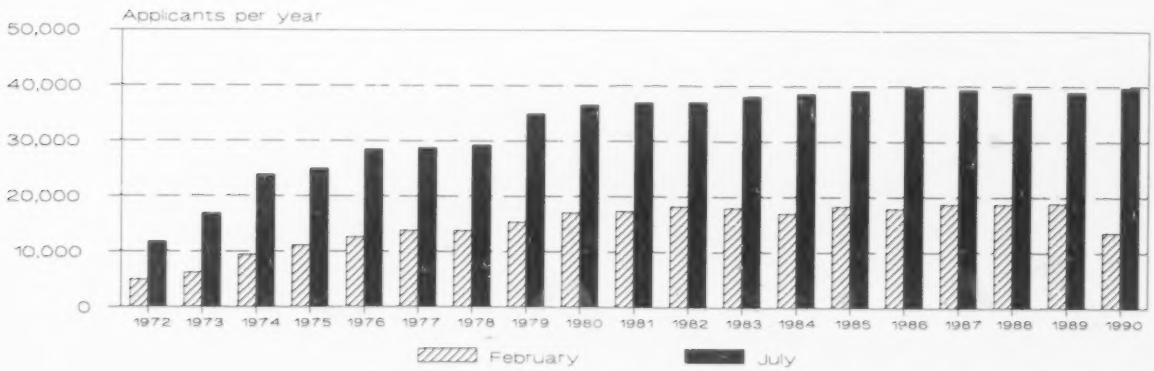
	Constitutional Law	*Contracts*	*Criminal Law*	*Evidence*	*Real Property*	*Torts*	*Total Raw*	*Total Scaled*
Mean	21.1	23.8	19.6	18.1	17.5	26.9	127.0	141.4
Standard Deviation	3.8	4.3	3.4	3.6	3.5	4.1	17.3	15.7
Maximum	30.0	39.0	30.0	30.0	28.0	38.0	185.0	194.0
Minimum	3.0	5.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	41.0	64.0
Median	21.8	24.3	20.3	18.6	18.2	27.6	128.2	142.2

Number of Applicants Taking the MBE

	February Applicants	*July Applicants*	*Total Number Applicants*		*February Applicants*	*July Applicants*	*Total Number Applicants*
1972	4,955	11,672	16,627	1982	18,150	36,995	55,145
1973	6,182	16,826	23,008	1983	17,964	38,034	55,998
1974	9,316	23,728	33,044	1984	16,938	38,511	55,449
1975	10,963	24,835	35,798	1985	18,303	39,149	57,452
1976	12,610	28,381	40,991	1986	17,825	39,774	57,599
1977	13,738	28,608	42,346	1987	18,606	39,335	57,941
1978	13,715	29,171	42,886	1988	18,610	38,765	*57,375
1979	15,341	34,818	50,159	1989	18,821	38,900	57,721
1980	16,948	36,368	53,316	1990	13,545**	39,750	53,295
1981	17,289	36,846	54,135				

*519 NY applicants not included

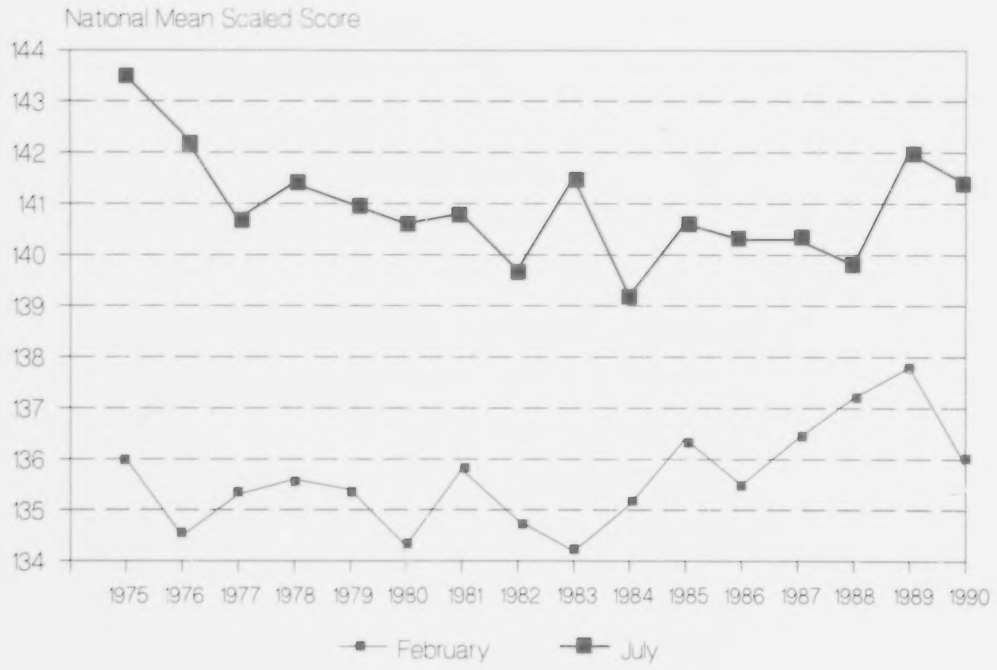
**Excluding 3,837 CA applicants



National Mean Scaled Score

	1975	*1976*	*1977*	*1978*	*1979*	*1980*	*1981*	*1982*
February	136.0	134.5	135.3	135.6	135.4	134.3	135.8	134.8
July	143.5	142.4	140.7	141.4	141.0	140.6	140.8	139.7

	1983	*1984*	*1985*	*1986*	*1987*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
February	134.2	135.1	136.4	135.5	136.4	137.2	137.8	135.9
July	141.5	139.2	140.6	140.3	140.3	139.8	142.0	141.4

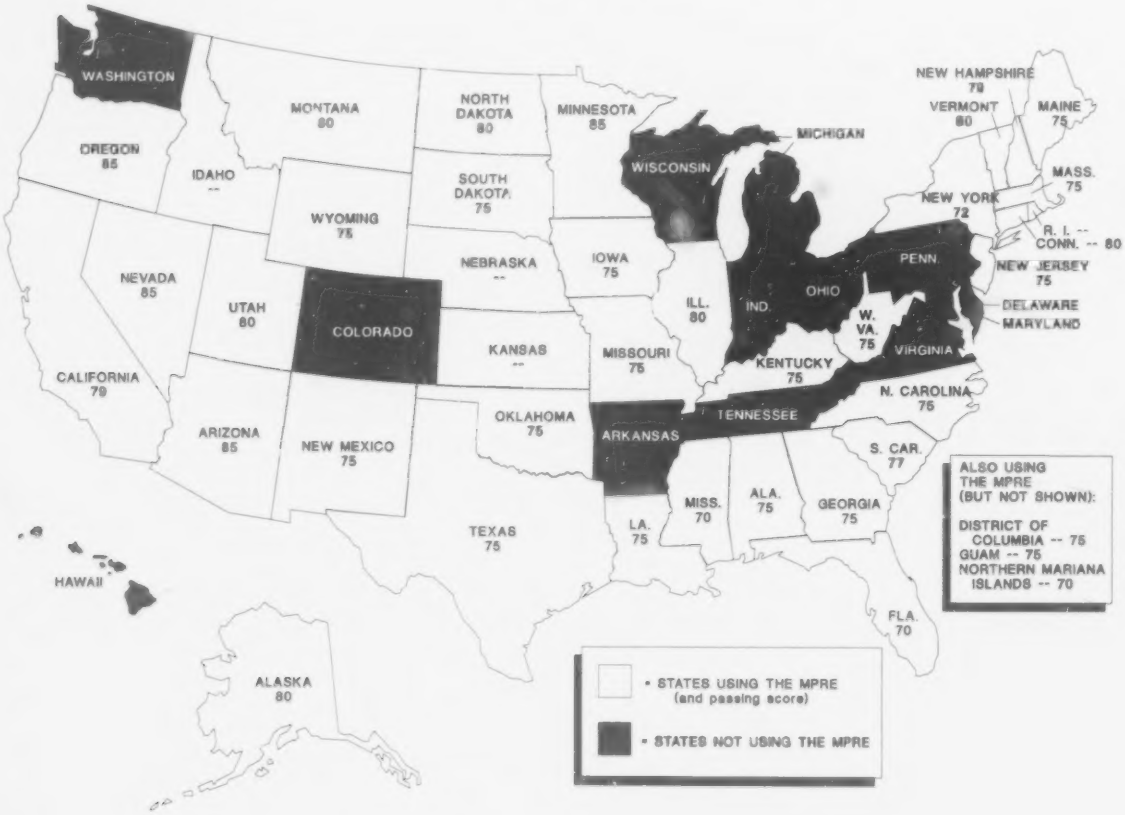


MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION STATISTICS

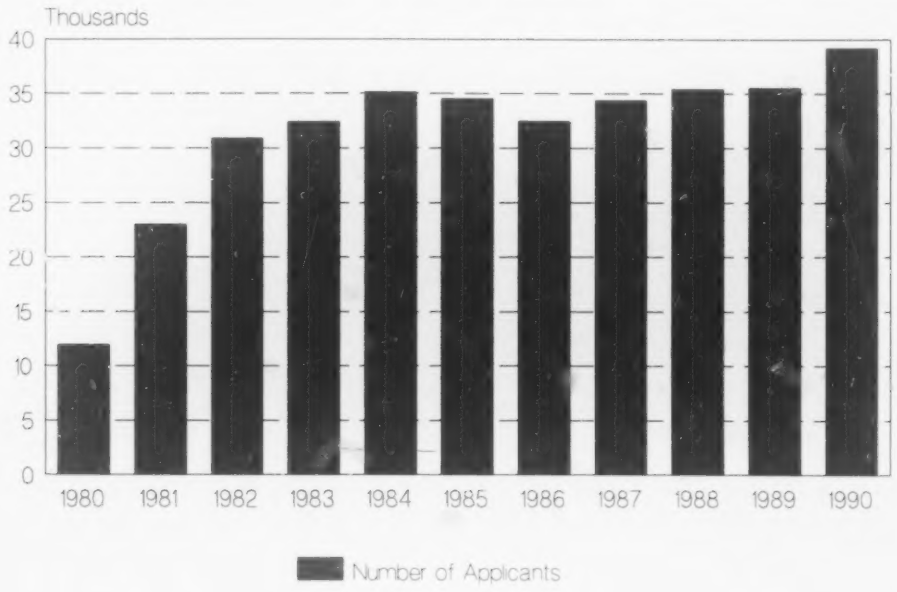
The National Conference of Bar Examiners has administered the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE) since 1980. Forty jurisdictions are now participating jurisdictions.

The MPRE consists of fifty multiple-choice questions. Both raw and scaled scores are computed for each applicant. Raw scores on different forms of the test are not comparable due to differences in the difficulty of test forms. Scaled scores are produced by a statistical procedure called equating that involves repeating items from previous examinations. A comparison of the performance of the current applicant population on the repeated items to performance of the prior applicant group allows conclusions to be drawn about the relative difficulty of the new items on the exam, and test scores are adjusted accordingly. Scaled scores are produced on a range of 50 to 150 and are comparable across administrations of the examination.

Jurisdictions Using the MPRE



MPRE Statistics



	1980	*1981*	*1982*	*1983*	*1984*	*1985*	*1986*	*1987*	*1988*	*1989*	*1990*
Number of Applicants	11,913	22,982	30,902	32,402	35,113	34,507	32,456	34,358	35,440	35,532	39,192

	March 1990	*August 1990*	*November 1990*	*Total 1990*
Number of Applicants	16,089	11,942	11,161	39,192
Mean	101.08	100.92	100.52	100.87
Maximum	150.00	147.00	150.00	150.00
Minimum	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Scaled Scores	**Percent Earning Scaled Scores Below**			
90	28	29	30	29
85	20	18	22	20
80	15	13	16	15
75	10	10	8	9
70	7	7	5	7
65	5	5	3	4
60	3	3	2	3